

Amendments To The Specification

Please replace the paragraph [0035] at column 2 of published application No. 2006/0004328 A1 with the following rewritten paragraph [0035]:

[0035] The outer pipe 12 surrounds a transitional portion 15 between the reinforcing pipe 11 and the adjacent inner plastics pipe 13. Said transitional portion 15 is provided with a kink protection 14 being formed in this example as a ~~ease~~sleeve 16. In variants of the present embodiment, illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6, kink protection 14 is provided as a metal spring 17 surrounding the transitional portion, and as a metal spring 18 arranged in the inflation/deflation lumen in the area of the transitional portion.